

RAILWAY EMPLOYEE STABBED BY A NEGRO

Resented Being Refused a
Drink and Used His Knife.

Victim, Mr. William W. Reamer, in a
Serious Condition—One Cut
Severed Artery.

Mr. William W. Reamer, an employee of the Traction Company, is lying at Georgetown Hospital in a dangerous condition as a result of an altercation in Harrison's saloon, thirty-fourth and M streets northwest. Reamer, in company with two friends, visited the saloon about 7 o'clock. Later three negroes walked in and ordered drinks.

Mr. Harrison refused to serve the drinks, insisting that they were minors. This aroused the three, especially James Noble Estridge, who wanted to quarrel. He tried to argue with the proprietor. After a number of words had passed, Mr. Reamer, who was standing by, advised the trio to go out and stop quarreling. This only added fuel to the already over-heated temper of Estridge, who began to quarrel with Reamer.

Pelled His Knife.
Before Reamer could protect himself Estridge pulled out a large pocket knife and slashed him twice. Both cuts took effect. One under the right arm and the other just below the ribs. Immediately after the cutting the three negroes made their escape.

Dr. Suter, of Georgetown, was called in to attend the injured man, and after he had dressed the wounds, had him removed to the Georgetown University Hospital. It was thought at first that Mr. Reamer would bleed to death before Dr. Suter could reach him. One of the cuts had severed an artery. Dr. Suter arrived in time, however, to stop the flow of blood.

One of Trio Captured.
It was half an hour before the police were informed of the affair. By this time the three negroes had almost made good their escape. Walter Harper was identified as one of the participants, and was soon locked up at the Seventh precinct police station. When there he confessed that he was present at the time, but stated that Estridge had done the cutting, and he, in company with the other man, Carter, had gone home.

Mr. Reamer, the injured man, is twenty-two years old and lives at 3343 M street.

The Prince and the Kaiser.

The Prince was showing the Kaiser his American presents.

"Oh, yes," he suddenly said, "I forgot that I got a book, too."

"Who is the author?" enquired the Kaiser.

"Lemme see. Oh, yes. It's Chatfield Chatfield-Taylor, of Chicago."

"Say it again, Henry, and say it slow."

"Chatfield Chatfield-Taylor."

That night the Emperor remarked to the Empress that it was too bad that Henry had picked up such an abominable habit of stammering while he was in the States.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

WANTS FINE IMPOSED YEARS AGO REMITTED

John T. Downey Files Petition
in Corporation Court.

Was Fined Five Hundred Dollars for
Manslaughter in 1885—Peculiar
Features of Case.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 15.—Mr. John T. Downey, through his attorney, Mr. Samuel G. Brent, has petitioned Judge J. K. M. Norton, of the Corporation Court, of this city, to be relieved from the payment of a fine of \$500, imposed upon him April 23, 1885, for manslaughter, incident to killing James T. Burnett, on the night of March 23, 1885. The petitioner will appeal to the General Assembly for relief of the fine.

Mr. Downey, in his application, sets forth that he was arrested and brought before J. T. Beckham, mayor, and discharged upon the ground that he acted in self-defense; that the coroner's jury held the petitioner blameless; that eleven of the jurors at the trial before the Corporation Court were in favor of acquittal; that one, W. T. Herrick, insisted upon some punishment, and the eleven consented to the imposition of a fine in order to reach a verdict.

Rulings of Three Justices.
That the petitioner was arrested and examined before three justices of the peace, one of whom wanted to send him to the grand jury, another voted to discharge him, and the third was in doubt, but said that were he a juror he would acquit the prisoner.

The justice, however, consented to send the petitioner to court. The petitioner further states that he was unable to pay the fine at the time the court imposed it, and he was discharged from custody. Since that time, by leading an upright life, he has accumulated property valued at about \$1,600, which would hardly be enough to pay his outstanding indebtedness.

Civilization in Africa.

When Livingstone died, a few years ago, there was not a civilized town in Central Africa. Now Livingstone is to be lighted by electricity. The cost of the machinery and its transportation to the mission was about \$20,000. The only source of illumination for the home or the school or the church has been, hitherto, kerosene, obtained at a cost, by the time it reaches Lake Nyassa, of \$1.50 a gallon. Steam power being out of the question, on account of the scarcity of fuel, it was suggested that the falls of the River Manicou, near to the mission, be used for the production of light and the drying of machinery. The machinery is on its way and is to be set up this month. The natural waterfall will thus be harnessed, and the light will be in the mill by day, and at night give light to the people in their homes. The civilizing influence over the natives of this electrical power is beyond calculation. —Northwestern Christian Advocate.

CURRENT EVENTS IN ALEXANDRIA

Hibernians to Hold Banquet
in Honor of St. Patrick.

Dispute Concerning Weight of Fire
Engines Settled—Tramps in Chain
Gang Strike.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 15.—Alexandria Division, No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, have completed arrangements for the banquet to be held in the Young Men's Sodality Locum Hall Monday night in honor of St. Patrick. A number of prominent speakers will be present and respond to toasts.

A dispute of long standing concerning the respective weight of the Hydrant and Columbia fire engines was settled today by having both engines weighed. It was found that the Hydrant tipped the beam at 1,750 pounds and the Columbia weighed 1,500 pounds.

A little son of Mr. Frank Church, together with some other youths, this evening found five new suits of clothes under the bridge that spans Wood's Run, at the head of King Street. They were turned over to the police.

A stable in the yard of C. C. Smith's home was burned down today. The employees succeeded in getting out the horses and carriages.

The funeral of Miss Eleanor E. Birrell was held this afternoon, Rev. Bergman officiating. Interment in Bethel Cemetery.

The annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session at Waterford, Loudoun County, has decided to return Rev. J. A. Jeffers, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, to his charge here.

Mr. E. Goldsmith, of this city, is in receipt of a letter from the committee of the Virginia Society of St. Louis urging him to promote action by Virginia favorable to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904. He has turned the letter over to the Business Men's League.

According to a recent order of Postmaster Crupper the local office will be open, commencing tomorrow morning, from 9 to 10 o'clock.

The funeral of Nellie Deming was held this afternoon, Rev. E. V. Rogers officiating. Interment in Bethel Cemetery.

A number of tramps who were recently sent to the chain gang this morning went on a strike and refused to work. They were taken to the station house, and, by order of Mayor Simpson, assigned to separate cells and placed on a bread and water diet until they change their minds.

The Golden Future.

Horrified, we listen to the small lad who is speaking to his little friend.

"We say 'We,' but this is not inclusive of the benevolent-looking, white-haired gentleman who smiles happily when the small boy remarks:

"You lie, you dabbled, blank-blank, dashed-dashed blank."

Again we shiver with apprehension, and the old gentleman chuckles gaily as the little friend of the small boy smiles him.

And he, in the mill by day, and at night give light to the people in their homes. The civilizing influence over the natives of this electrical power is beyond calculation. —Northwestern Christian Advocate.

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CHEVY CHASE HOUNDS AGAIN IN THE FIELD

'Cross-Country' Riding En-
joyed by a Large Turnout.

Entrants for Hunters' Steeplechase at
Benning Closely Watched in Their
Work—Riding and Driving List.

After being compelled to remain in "kennels" for the past six weeks, on account of the deep snows and late, the Chevy Chase hounds were out yesterday, meeting at Brightwood at 3 p. m. The size of the field, the largest during the present hunting season, was ample evidence that the lovers of cross-country riding had in no way forgotten or lost interest in the sport, but were simply waiting for the weather to moderate so that a good gallop could be enjoyed. The weather was perfect for hunting, and the ground sufficiently dried to make cross-country riding possible, but moist enough to hold a strong scent, the consequence being that the pack set a very fast pace, running with a breast high scent and never faltering in their line.

Brightwood is one of the most popular meets of the Chevy Chase hounds, being most accessible to Washington, and on the edge of one of the best bits of hunting country to be found for miles around. Society was out in force in traps of every description, and on horseback, those not participating in the run following by road, catching glimpses of the hunt at different points along the line until the finish, which occurred at the Chevy Chase Clubhouse.

Horses and Hounds on Mettle.

The hounds and horses are in the most perfect condition, and now that they have once more taken to the field a most enjoyable and successful spring season is being looked forward to, as the runs will continue well through the month of April. It was a noticeable fact that all through the run certain horses, which are entered to run in the hunters' steeplechase at Benning on Easter Monday for horses that have regularly hunted with the Chevy Chase hounds during the present season, were closely watched, and comments freely expressed on their respective merits and chances of carrying off the handsome punch bowl offered by the Washington Jockey Club.

After giving the lady ones—and there are always a number of such—the usual fifteen minutes' grace, Mr. Clarence Moore, the master, with Thunder for a mount, gave the word and the hounds were cast in the open to the east of Brightwood, almost instantly picking up the scent, and after carrying it to the north for a short distance, were off toward the west, taking a line through the estate of Montgomery Blair and the adjacent farms, finally running to the "death" on the land of the Chevy Chase Land Company, opposite the club, in all covering nine or ten miles of good hunting country at a rattling pace.

Although there were several "croppers," no one was in any way hurt, but those unfortunate to feel the ground were quickly in the saddle again, and without exception finished well up at the "death."

Followed the Hounds.

Among those in the saddle were Col. Charles H. Treat, commandant of the West Point Military Academy, on Lord Craven; Miss Paulding, on Parnon; Miss Newlands, on Rajah; Miss Parrish, on Cobweb; Miss Postlethwaite, on Miss Anne; Miss Bloomer, on Miss Mitchell; Miss Wadsworth, on Miss Wells; R. T. Merrick, on Kohinoor; G. Barclay Hives, on Bowerly Girl; Reed Knox, on Royal Stag; W. C. Marrow, on Patroness; Gist Blair, on Beverly; P. L. Hildekoper, on Twilight; H. S. Leger, on Diana; Edward McLean, on Gray Fox; Reginald Hildekoper, on Postiac; S. Prentiss Knut, on Harikari; Chester Kerr, on Lamoon; Roger Wetmore, on Rattler; Dr. A. A. Snyder, on Rooster; Mr. Cobb, on Cracker; Baron Grip, on Chestnut, and Mr. Lowther, of the British Embassy. In all there were about forty-five who followed the hunt.

Witnessed the Sport.

Among those who were at the meet and saw the finish at the club were Mr. Prescott Lawrence, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Schall, Mrs. Clarence Moore, Mrs. Perin, Dr. and Miss Kerr, Miss McCaul, Miss Wallach, Mr. Jerome Bonaparte, Mr. George Howard, Miss Cobb, Miss McKenna, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Miss Merriam, Mr. Woolsey, Miss Grossman, Dr. Gray, Mr. McCann, Mr. Ely, Mr. Wetmore, Mr. J. W. Boardman, Mr. Shaw, Miss Merritt, Miss de Peyster, Mr. Horstman, Commander Sargent, Mr. McKicker, Mr. Perkins, and many others.

The next meet of the Chevy Chase Hounds will be held on Wednesday afternoon, March 19, meeting at "Kennel Lodge," Chevy Chase, Md., at 3 p. m.

MAY DEFY FREEDMAN.

Baseball Magnates Likely to Call Polo
Grounds Bluff.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The assertion made yesterday by persons close to Freedman that the Polo Grounds will be closed unless the four clubs which have been standing by A. G. Spalding all winter renounce his candidacy for president of the league has created the looked-for stir among the magnates, and from the remarks of some of the members it will not be at all surprising if the New York club's bluff is pretty sharply called at the coming meeting.

Freedman is confident that he can force the Spalding men to bite the dust, and is making elaborate preparations for the

opening of the season at the Polo Grounds and is signing every available player in sight.

War Medals for Women.

The military medal of France has just been conferred upon some half dozen women. Foremost among these is Miss Doda, the woman who through her knowledge of telegraphy was enabled to tap the wires worked by the Prussians and so obtained valuable information for the use of the French general.

Mme. Renon, by profession a palater, won the medal when in the war of 1870 she devoted herself to her countrymen as an army nurse, and in the performance of such duties was wounded during an engagement.

Mme. Laurin, who wears five medals, actually fought as a soldier in the ranks of the Third Regiment of Zouaves and was taken prisoner and then escaped.—Philadelphia North American.

Easter Shoes

at a
Saving.

Our new Spring Stock includes the noblest and dressiest styles for ladies, men, and children—and it is a well-known fact that Family Shoe Store prices are always lowest. We are now making a brilliant display of the real novelties in Easter Hosiery, and our variety of patterns exceeds anything of the kind ever seen before in Washington. Exclusive styles—and prices that are invariably lowest.

Ladies' Shoes.

Tomorrow we will sell the famous "American Girl Shoe," in Patent Kid and Patent Leather—light or heavy soles—for dress or street wear—every pair stamped \$2.50 on the soles. Choice for.....

Our "Edith" Shoes for ladies are made up in all the popular leathers—with fully 25 styles to select from. They are the daintiest shoes imaginable—and equal to the best \$5 grades elsewhere—our price.....

Men's Shoes.

Our "Capitol" Shoes for men are without an equal at the price. They are made up in all the dressy shapes of toe, and in all leathers. None better elsewhere at \$3.50—our price only.....

Men's fine Patent Leather Shoes for Easter wear. Shaped on the most fashionable lasts—all sizes and widths—the best grades at \$4 and \$5 a pair. Splendid qualities at.....

Easter Hosiery Specials.

Tomorrow we will sell Ladies' Hosiery, with double soles, heels, and toes—the regular 25c grades—for.....

Ladies' Ingrain Hose, both Rembrandt and Richelleu ribbed—the regular 35c grade—for.....

Family Shoe Store.

310 and 312 Seventh St.

BASKET COMPANY SHARES AT 50 CENTS

Truth About Recent Advances— Reasons Why a Further Rise to and Beyond Par Is Inevitable

Shares in the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company have advanced to 50 cents (par value, \$1.00 full paid and non-assessable). The rise is due to popular appreciation of opportunity. Such opportunities usually go to a Syndicate of Capitalists. This one has been offered direct to the public, and prompt advantage has been taken of it. It has become "THE PEOPLE'S TRUST."

When the announcements of the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company were first made, there were many who were interested in the new facts presented, and a large percentage of the interested ones subscribed for the first allotment of shares. Another large number subscribed for the second allotment, and on both allotments there were many who, through indecision or oversight, did not make subscription in time to get their stock.

A GREAT MANY (nearly 1,500) subscriptions to the first allotment of shares, which closed on February 28th, did not arrive on that day owing to mails delayed by storm and flood, and all those subscribers who had not taken the precaution to telegraph the Company were advised that the lists were closed. This was by many considered to be an arbitrary ruling by the Company's officers, but it was made necessary by the fact that the first allotment was already somewhat over-subscribed, and the directors were in duty bound to refuse all subscriptions, at the price of the first allotment, the moment the time limit had expired.

THESE OCCURRENCES made it necessary for the directors of the Company, in announcing the second allotment, to reserve the right of closing the subscription at any time at their discretion. Thus, many were disappointed, but with no misunderstanding as to the power of the directors to reject their subscription.

DIRECT TO THE PEOPLE.

When the Company's shares were first offered to the public, it was figured that as there was no "underwriting syndicate" to absorb the large amount of stock, it was possible to offer the shares at a low price to provide funds for initial steps in getting the far-reaching plans of the Company under way. This would give the first subscribers the advantage to which they were entitled as the work of gathering capital proceeded. A certain amount of stock was therefore set aside for the first allotment, and the second allotment was announced at a higher price.

This second allotment has now been closed, and with such success that the realization of the great profits which will accrue from operating the automatic labor-saving basket making machines of the Company has become a business certainty.

WITH SUCH POSSESSIONS as the only Basket Machines ever invented, protected by basic patents and all improvements covered, it is a plain business proposition that capital and management will accomplish great success. This capital is being furnished by the people in steadily increasing volume; and this business management, broad and modern as it must be, is provided out of the experience of the Company's own directorate of business men who first recognized the great opportunity and grasped it.

THE PROPOSITION.

The proposition of the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company is one of automatic machine work as opposed to hand labor, and none of the noted labor-saving machines familiar to every one can compare in effectiveness and practical accomplishment with the basket-making machines which this Company owns and controls.

THE MERGENTHALER LINOTYPE, which does the work of four or five men, pays a steady dividend of twenty per cent on ten millions of capital. THE HARVESTING MACHINES which cut the country's grain require two horses and one man to do the work of six men, but these machines made the McCormick millions.

THE SEWING MACHINE, which works five times as fast as the seamstress, built palaces and supports whole townships with its earnings.

But the Basket-making Machines of the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company are so efficient and so perfectly automatic that with each of them ONE GIRL DOES THE WORK OF TWELVE MEN.

COMPANY CONTROLS ITS OWN FIELD.

In addition to the great saving of labor, which would commend these machines as an investment to every business man and every thinking person, there is the most important fact that the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company will absolutely control the industry which employs the machines. IT WILL DO THE BUSINESS ITSELF. Its model factories will be set up on a scale commensurate with the great scope of the Company's field of work, and will manufacture from raw material and deliver to the fruit grower every basket needed for the moving and marketing of every ounce of fruit produced.

IN THIS WAY the full control of prices, of product and of profit will be retained by the giant organization which represents the people, who are alive to the merit of a proposition stronger than any which has ever been offered to the public for popular subscription.

A proposition controlling an industry of which the present and immediate PROFITS ARE OVER \$4,000,000 A YEAR, and the demand for fruit baskets of all kinds is increasing at the rate of 150,000,000 baskets a year.

Already there are six thousand shareholders in this great Corporation.

Already the plans of the Company are taking definite form in negotiations which are nearing completion and which, when announced, will drive the selling price of the shares higher and higher.

FACTS THAT COUNT.

The actual yearly demand exceeds Two Billion Baskets.

Value at wholesale, Eleven Million Dollars.

The net profit on this volume of business last year was \$1,287,000.

The Baskets were all made by hand.

Each Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine does the work of twelve men.

The saving in labor by the use of the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machines amounts to more than TWO MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY.

This gives earnings for the company of OVER THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR OVER

THIRTY-THREE PER CENT ON THE ENTIRE CAPITAL ON THE PRESENT VOLUME OF BUSINESS.

The machines may be seen in operation at the Robinson Basket Company's factory, Painesville, O., where over thirty are installed, at Elmira, N. Y., at the machine shops of Emmett Horton, one of the inventors, and at Solus, N. Y., where they are also in operation.

The practical working of the machines is now shown in every office of the Company named below.

The Company will not sell or lease its machines, but will equip and own and operate basket factories all over this country.

DOUBLING THEIR MONEY.

Follow the steps taken by the Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Machine Company and it will be seen that every step has been in exact accord with its announcements. Early shareholders now see their shares double in value. New subscribers will see their shares double in value, and still the limit of price for these shares will not be reached, because just as surely as the Linotype Machine pays its shareholders twenty per cent on ten millions of capital, JUST SO SURELY WILL THE AUTOMATIC BASKET-MAKING MACHINES WHICH SAVE THREE TIMES AS MUCH LABOR AS THE

MERGENTHALER-HORTON BASKET MACHINE CO.

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FOR COMPARISON. MACHINE as AGAINST HAND-MADE BASKETS.

FIVE-POUND GRAPE BASKET.

Man can make by hand 350 in ten hours.

5-lb. Grape Basket, hand labor, \$2.50 per 1,000